

## BEGAN IT IN GLORY

The New York Columbus Celebration

## AUSPICIOUSLY INAUGURATED

Thousands of School Children Parade the Streets—Brilliant Fireworks at Night on the Bridge.

NEW YORK, Oct. 10.—The streets of New York gave ample evidence today in countless ways of the inauguration of the Columbus fete. There are more strangers in town than there have been on any day since the centennial celebration in 1893. Flags, sunshine, the sound of martial music, an army of sailors of sufficient size to populate a new state, 3,000 policemen and 500 detectives and 2,000 thieves and pickpockets serve to leave the spectacle of respectability out for a holiday and bring out the full force of New York's conglomerate population. Business is virtually suspended. The exchanges were open, but the transactions in them were very light and very uninteresting.

The absorbing interest for the 3,000,000 people of New York, Brooklyn and Jersey towns, added to 100,000 from the outside world, was the school and college parade which occurred at 11 o'clock. The only real business transacted was in the nature of a clean-up to get ready for the general suspension of trade of every sort tomorrow and Wednesday, when the great spectacles of the celebration take place. These are the naval parade down the bay tomorrow, the military and night pageant on Wednesday. In the interim it is expected that 200,000 more strangers will come to New York to see the sights and incidentally be relieved of as much money as they bring, for although the officials of the celebration and city have made every effort to prevent extortion, people who have things to sell, from fairs with programmes to hotel keepers who let rooms, are not neglecting their opportunities to make an honest penny. The invasion of the town by strangers began at midnight and by 2 o'clock the reception committee estimated that 100,000 had arrived. The downtown hotels were taxed to their utmost capacities and those up-town are running short of rooms every hour.

Parade of School Children. The parade of school children was the first event of the legitimate celebration. About 22,000 children from New York, Brooklyn and New Jersey, each carrying American flags, were in line. About 10,000 of these represented the public schools of New York city, 8,000 from Brooklyn and between 4,000 and 5,000 from New Jersey cities. Results of more than 200 years of educational work were represented in the parade, for the first school founded by the old Dutch settlers in 1633, in that part of "West Amsterdam," now known as "West Seventy-seventh street," is still in existence and is called the School of the Reformed Church. Twenty regiments of grammar school boys of New York, Brooklyn, Long Island and Jersey City, each regiment at least 500 strong, marched with swinging step and perfect alignment at the head of the parade.

Catholics in Line. In the second division came the pupils of the parochial schools, academics and colleges of the Catholic church in New York and adjacent cities over 5,000 strong, each pupil also carrying the national flag in connection with the emblems and banners of the churches and academies to which they belong. After them followed the uniformed schools, and last the students of matriculate years from the different colleges of law, medicine, engineering and the arts, about 4,500 strong; 1,000 from Columbia college, 1,200 from the University of New York, 1,200 from the Undergraduate college, 200 from the college of dentists, etc. In the third division was a medley composed of numerous "institutions." It comprised the Catholic episcopate, German, Italian and French institutions of various characters, intermingled with trade schools, business colleges, military institutes and mechanical societies, with 1,000 "Young Dalton Volunteers," whatever they may be, and sixty "Glittering Spears."

Brilliant Fireworks. Thousands upon thousands of pairs of eyes witnessed on the New York and Brooklyn bridge tonight a pyrotechnic exhibition of unequalled splendor. At 8 o'clock when the dark night sky had become a mass of electric lights and the dim outline of the towers, backgrounded by the dense black of night. Far above, the few twinkling stars shone low, below the moving light on river craft, but little radiance on the dark water. This river scene resembled a panorama of huge dimensions. The going in and out of multi-colored lights, the weak outline of masts and rigging, cabin houses and smoke stacks, search lights throwing streams of clear light over moving and passing craft, presented a lively scene. The river craft were from side to side suddenly there was a sound as of distant thunder and the hundred detonating shells announced the commencement of the evening's program. Then there was a blaze of light, which lit up the entire bridge, the moving spectacles on the water and showed the crowded mass of humanity on land.

Let Up the Banners. The heavens were aglow as though by a reflection of a great conflagration. Shivers of light died away and the towers of the bridge cast great black shadows on the flowing water as of a giant hand laid upon them. From the New York tower appeared in fiery figures "1492" and from the lower of the other side "1892" blazed a great and magical light, blue at first, changing to blood red, then a strange, unearthly blue, the connecting span of the two towers, the ships and the buildings. From the river came the sound of whistles and bells loud and sonorous, that mingled with the confusion of the night scene, creating a weird and weird roar, streams of Roman dyes followed, burning shells, screaming engines of fire mingled with rockets and devils and showers of sparks until the whole ended in the golden shower of shells of Niagara, covering the bridge from tower to tower, reaching the heavens.

Struck by a Car. Solomon Farber, aged 15 years, was struck on Canal street last evening by motor car No. 139 on the crossing street line. The boy was not seriously injured though thoroughly frightened. He was taken in the ambulance to his home, No. 117 West Bridge street. The motorist is Frank Townsend.

Switchmen to Demand Pay. Conductors, O. & N. Y. 10.—A meeting was held yesterday by the switchmen of all roads entering this city and a resolution was adopted to demand tomorrow for the same rate of pay received by the Pullman and Great Northern employees.

Rescued from the Fair School. Word was received by police headquarters from the reform school at Lansing that a boy about 15 years old, who had been in the school for some time, had escaped from that institution.

## THEY DON'T LIKE IT

The Methodist Conference at Sterling, Ill.

## DECLARE WAR ON THE POPE

Archbishop Ireland's Fairbault School System is Condemned by Resolution, But Has Some Defenders.

STERLING, Ill., Oct. 10.—The Methodist conference here today made a vigorous attack on Catholic interference with the public school system. It came in the report of the educational committee, presented by D. L. Tompkins. The report said: "The American public schools are in danger. The danger is occasioned by the very thing that Washington said should not be tolerated—foreign interference. Against this interference, we emphatically protest. Firmly believing that the pope and the bishops are criminals against some of the best things in human life, we should affirm that the Roman policy in America should be put in quarantine. We condemn Archbishop Ireland's Fairbault school scheme and in view of very recent utterances of the Roman Catholic congress at Newark, we do not believe the affirmations made by this wily prelate on his return from Rome that 'Catholicism is dead.' Compulsory education is a civil necessity in this country. We must protect ourselves from the tide of ignorance and prejudice rolling in upon us from Roman Catholic Europe or perish in the threatening deluge. Wherever the Latin church flourishes her people are criminally kept in ignorance and the state is wickedly denied its independence. She says: 'If the pope demands it the authority of the state must be braved, human affections must be disregarded, life must be sacrificed.' Therefore, reaffirming our thorough confidence in the public school system, we resolve: That we as a church stand opposed to any encroachment from any quarter that would lessen the influence or diminish the vigor of this most essential factor in our national well-being."

A Storm of Objections. Then there was a storm of objections. G. S. Young of Grand Crossing declared the language was too strong; he didn't think the conference had the right to call Archbishop Ireland a "wily prelate," and thought the resolution should be more guarded. Dr. Dandy of Aurora said that Catholicism had nothing to do with the conference. He said the resolution was a slur on the report on public schools and should be struck out. J. W. Lee of Elizabeth and Dr. Axtell followed, the latter taking the ground that Catholicism threatened the destruction of the public school system and should be denounced. Presiding Elder Burns defended Archbishop Ireland and there by stirred up a row about his own ears. "I think Ireland is on the right track about this matter," said the elder. A hundred voices cried "No, no," but he did not flinch.

"I believe he is an American in his views of this matter," continued the elder. "He is on the advancing side of the question. The remarks regarding Ireland should be dropped from this resolution."

Presiding Elder Burns made a motion to pass the resolution with the exception of the personal remarks regarding Archbishop Ireland, and it passed with little opposition.

## THINKS VIRGINIA ROBS HIM.

The Direct Tax Collection Again Brought to Notice.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—Assistant Secretary Nettleton has written a letter to Frank Hunter of Norfolk, Va., stating that the government cannot give advice to individuals as how to proceed in the collection of the direct tax paid the state of Virginia. Mr. Hunter complains that the state agents deduct 5 per cent from all amounts paid to individuals for their share of the direct tax. He thinks this is unjust and asks the whole amount. After declining to give the advice, Mr. Nettleton states that he thinks it is the expectation of congress that applicants should receive the full amount due them. It is known, however, at the treasury department that each state necessarily incurred considerable expense in transferring the direct tax books in the treasury department, without which it would have been impossible to know to whom the money and the amount due each should be paid. It is thought the deduction of 5 per cent is made to cover this expense.

## ARMY DESERTIONS DECRESE

Says General Ruger's Reports of the Department of the Columbia.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10.—General Ruger, commanding the department of the Columbia submitted his annual report to the secretary of war. A considerable portion of the document is devoted to a review of the Ocor River valley in Idaho, and the part taken by United States troops in the suppression. The general condition of affairs in the department for the past year, relative to instructions, discipline and also what concerns the well being of the troops at the different posts, he says, has been satisfactory. He is particularly pleased with the progress during the past year has been made in the professional instruction of officers, owing in a great measure to the better and more systematic methods recently put in force for the army at large. There has been, he says, in conclusion, a decided decrease in the number of desertions during the year.

## POOR AVERAGE OF CROPS.

The Government Agricultural Report for September Shows a Bad Condition.

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